



## **MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVER CRITERIA AND APPLICATION**

National Park Service regulations allow school groups and other *bona fide* national and international educational institutions to obtain a waiver of park entrance fees, provided that the visit is for educational or scientific purposes, and the resources or facilities which the group proposes to use support those purposes. Applicant groups must show that they qualify for the waiver. A group must meet the criteria below to qualify for an educational fee waiver.

### **1. Eligibility**

Applicants must prove they are a *bona fide* educational or scientific institution by presenting one of the following types of documentation:

- A statement confirming educational or scientific tax-exemption, from the IRS or the applicant's national, state, or local tax authority; or,
- A statement, from a bona fide educational institution meeting one of these eligibility standards, confirming that the group is visiting for the purpose of providing transferable educational credit based on a curriculum; or,
- A statement of accreditation, or recognition as an educational institution, from a qualified national, regional, state, or local authority for the applicant's location.

### **2. Educational Purpose of the Visit**

You can demonstrate that your field trip supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. Recreational visits do not qualify.

### **3. Relevance of Park Resources or Facilities**

The field trip relates to natural or cultural resources found in the park.

Organizations that are generally considered service, civic or fraternal (e.g. Scouting, Rotary, Elks) do not qualify for the education fee waiver unless the group meets the criteria listed above.

*Fee waivers will not be granted at the entrance stations.* For more information call 360-569-6622

Fax your application and eligibility documentation at least 2 weeks in advance of the visit to 360-569-2911, or mail to:

Mount Rainier National Park  
Attn: Fee Program Manager  
55210 238<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Ashford WA 98304



## Application for Educational Fee Waiver

### Mount Rainier National Park

Phone: 360-569-6622 Fax: 360-569-2911

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance to be used: Nisqually\_\_\_\_\_ Stevens Canyon\_\_\_\_\_ White River\_\_\_\_\_ Carbon River\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Vehicles: Buses \_\_\_\_\_ Vans \_\_\_\_\_ Autos \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Park Area(s) to be Visited and Relevance to Subject of Study:

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**ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED (e.g., a statement of accreditation or recognition as an educational or scientific institution from a qualified national, regional, state, or local authority or a statement of *education or scientific* tax-exemption from a tax authority.) It is insufficient to merely state or imply that you have this recognition on an official letterhead.**

I understand that the Code of Federal Regulations allows for fee waivers only for bona fide educational and/or scientific institutions which are using the park for educational purposes. I hereby certify that the above detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that entrance fees be waived.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Official in Charge of Group Title Date

National Park Service Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is valid only with official signature below. EACH vehicle must present a copy of the approved waiver form at the entrance gate or entrance fees will be charged.**

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Signature of Park Official Title Date